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Automatic Fire Sprinkler Douses Fire In Apartment Bedroom

One Person Taken To The Hospital With Minor Burns

Las Vegas firefighters responded to the Loreto Apartments, 7545 Oso Blanco Road (Durango/US95) at 5:24 Saturday morning. Fire dispatchers received a call from the alarm company for the apartment complex that an automatic fire sprinkler was activated. Another caller in the building reported an odor of something burning.

When firefighters arrived, nothing was showing from the two story wood frame/stucco apartment building. When they entered the building, very light smoke was coming from one apartment and the occupant was at the door. Firefighters found there was a small fire in the bedding of a bedroom and it had been extinguished by an automatic fire sprinkler.

Firefighters also noticed the occupant had minor burns on his back and one arm. He was treated on scene and taken to University Medical Center Trauma Unit for very minor burns.

Firefighters shut off the sprinkler, made sure the fire was out and cleaned up the water from the sprinkler. A damage estimated was not immediately available, but it was minimal, only some bedding material burned.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Smoking material was found by firefighters in the apartment. Careless smoking could not be ruled out.

Careless smoking is the leading cause of fatal fires in Las Vegas and has been for the past 20 years. Most deaths due to careless smoking in the United States occur between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., the time when most people sleep. In this case just after the fire started on the bedding material, an automatic fire sprinkler activated, which made notification immediately to the alarm company which notified firefighters. The fire sprinkler at the same time also extinguished the fire. The fire sprinkler most likely saved the man's life and prevented considerable damage to the apartment building.

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